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Letter dated 5 January 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Croatia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to forward, enclosed herewith, a letter from Mr. Tonino Picula, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Croatia, concerning the mandate of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Prevlaka, Croatia, addressed to you (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ivan Šimonović
Permanent Representative

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Annex to the letter dated 5 January 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Croatia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I refer to the item "The situation in Croatia", which is on the Security Council's January 2001 agenda. As you are aware, this issue has been before the Council on many previous occasions.

The emergence of the new Government in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia raises hopes that an overall lasting solution can be reached. My Government believes that this can be achieved through bilateral contacts between the Republic of Croatia and the relevant authorities in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the Republic of Montenegro. We hope that the new Federal Republic of Yugoslavia Government, as has been the case with the Montenegrin authorities, will approach the issue in good faith and with respect for the inviolability of international borders.

Croatia expects that the bilateral talks should commence as soon as possible. For its part, Croatia will take into account the security concerns of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and will endeavour to have the issue resolved in the spirit of good-neighbourliness, thus contributing to overall stability in the region.

With this in mind Croatia will not object to a single six-month extension of the mandate of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Prevlaka. However, we strongly advocate the need to have the security issue of Prevlaka resolved during that period.

(Signed) Tonino **Picula**

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Letter dated 5 January 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Lebanon hereby requests the Security Council to extend the mandate of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), which expires on 31 January 2001, for a further interim period of six months, on the basis of the provisions of Security Council resolutions 425 (1978) and 426 (1978) and in view of the fact that the continued deployment of UNIFIL is necessary in order for it to complete the mandate with which it was entrusted, especially in the light of the daily violations perpetrated by Israel on land and by air and sea. Such violations constitute a continuous act of aggression against Lebanese sovereignty and are in contravention of Security Council resolution 425 (1978). The deployment of UNIFIL also represents the international community's commitment to the restoration of Lebanon's full sovereignty and territorial integrity, as set out in resolutions 425 (1978) and 426 (1978).

Lebanon hereby calls for the release of those who have been detained for years in Israeli prisons without due process of law, in defiance of the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and related Protocols. It further urgently demands the removal of the thousands of mines left on Lebanese territory by the Israeli occupation, which continue to cause death and injury to civilians and restrict their ability to work and move about freely.

The Lebanese Government avails itself of this opportunity to pay tribute to the UNIFIL Command, administrators, troops and troop-contributing countries for their noble efforts and sacrifices made in the cause of the implementation of its mandate.

Furthermore, the Government of Lebanon wishes to express to you its deep appreciation for your tireless efforts, which contribute to the valuable presence of UNIFIL in southern Lebanon.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Selim **Tadmoury**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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